

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2, and add new Claims 8-15 as follows (*a marked-up set of Claims as presently amended and added is attached hereto as Appendix A*):

1. An iron golf club comprising a head part having a face, wherein
a coefficient of restitution is in the range of at least 0.81 and not more than 0.95 when
colliding a ball against a sweet spot in said face at a speed of 44 m/s, and
wherein the face is freely deformable at a portion of said face at the hit.
2. The iron golf club according to claim 1, wherein
an effective face area being the surface area of the portion of said face deflectable at the
hit is at least 2500 mm² and not more than 5000 mm².
3. A golf club for striking a ball comprising:
a front-part component having a face;
a rear-part component; and
and an effective face area of the face, being the surface area of a portion of the face
substantially deflectable when striking a ball;
wherein defined between the front-part component and the rear-part component is a
hollow structure with a space such that the effective face area of the face is deformable into the
hollow structure, free of contact with the rear-part component, when striking a ball, and
wherein a coefficient of restitution of the effective face area is in the range of at least 0.81
and not more than 0.95 when striking a ball against a sweet spot in the effective face area at a
speed of 44 m/s.
4. The golf club according to claim 3, wherein
the rear-part component is a cavity back structure with a sole part having a larger
thickness than a top edge part.
5. The golf club according to claim 3, wherein
the front-part component has a concave part provided on its center, a connection part
provided on its peripheral edge, and a hosel.
6. The golf club according to claim 3, wherein
the rear-part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part
provided on its peripheral edge.